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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA IMMEDIATE  
INFO DOD/ISA/ARMACOST  
SOUTHCOM/GENERAL MCAULIFF

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 225492

FOR AMBASADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, CO

SUBJECT: USE OF MILGP PERSONNEL IN ANTI-NARCOTICS  
ACTIVITIES

REF: BOGOTA 8090

1. FOLLOWING IS STATE LEGAL ADVISOR'S OPINION ON YOUR  
PROPOSAL TO USE MILGP PERSONNEL TO ASSIST GOC MILITARY  
IN MOUNTING ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN. (DOD IS PRESENTLY  
WORKING ON ITS INPUT TO GUIDANCE CABLE ANSWERING POINTS  
RAISED IN REFTEL WHICH MAY TAKE SOME TIME. THEREFORE  
I AM SENDING YOU STATE'S POSITION ON THIS SPECIFIC POINT  
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FOR YOUR INTERI' GUIDANCE.)

2. LEGAL ADVISOR THINKS PROPOSED ROLE OF MILGP IN  
ASSISTING GOC MILITARY IN MOUNTING ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN  
WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH SECTION 515 (C) OF FOREIGN  
ASSISTANCE ACT (FAA);

WE ARE HOWEVER  
EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO SUPPORT ANTI-NARCOTICS  
CAMPAIGN OF COLOMBIAN MILITARY.

3. I AGREE YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR ENGAGE ALL MISSION PERSON-  
NEL IN THIS TOP PRIORITY PROGRAM, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF  
LEGAL CONSTRAINT NOTED ABOVE I SEE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT  
TO CONFORM TO LEGAL ADVISOR'S OPINION. MILGP PERSONNEL,  
AS MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF, MAY OF COURSE CONTINUE TO  
PROVIDE YOU DIRECTLY WITH ADVICE ON MATTERS IN WHICH  
THEY HAVE NECESSARY EXPERTISE. GENERAL MCAULIFFE, SOUTHCOM,  
HAS TOLD ME THAT HE IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS  
YOU MAY HAVE FOR ADVICE TO YOU FROM HIS STAFF. CHRISTOPHER

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